### STATE OF IOWA

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

DOCKET NOS. EAC-2011-0025 TF-2012-0637

# ORDER APPROVING COMPLIANCE FILING AND TARIFF

(Issued December 19, 2012)

On November 16, 2012, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) its second-year compliance filing and proposed 2013 tariff for IPL's regional transmission service rider (RTS); the RTS was approved on a pilot basis in Docket No. RPU-2010-0001. The compliance filing is identified as Docket No. EAC-2011-0025 and the proposed 2013 RTS tariff is identified as Docket No. TF-2012-0637. IPL's filing included the calculation of the RTS factors, the reconciliation of the prior year, estimated 2013 transmission expenses, and billing determinants. IPL filed a revised RTS tariff on November 30, 2012, which contained substantial revisions from the original filing.

On December 4, 2012, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a conditional objection to the compliance filing and proposed tariff. Consumer Advocate said that it needed additional time to review the filings because IPL's November 30, 2012, filing contained revised tariff sheets, schedules, and workpapers to reflect a corrected calculation of the 2013 RTS factors.

Consumer Advocate said it would notify the Board on or before January 14, 2013, concerning the status of its review and if there are any outstanding issues.

On December 10, 2012, the Board docketed the compliance filing and proposed tariff for further review. The Board also required Consumer Advocate to file a report on or before January 14, 2013, indicating whether Consumer Advocate has any outstanding issues that require additional time to investigate.

On December 18, 2012, Consumer Advocate withdrew its conditional objection.

The Board will approve the compliance filing and tariff. The compliance filing appropriately includes the reconciliation of the prior year's (2012) transmission expenses and corresponding RTS revenues, estimated 2013 transmission expenses, the calculation of the 2013 RTS factors, and billing determinants. The tariff filing appropriately implements the 2013 RTS factors. Nearly all of the estimated 2013 expenses recovered by the RTS are for Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO), charges, with the Attachment O rate for 2013 being approximately 15 percent higher than the 2012 rate. These MISO charges will increase in future years as the MISO regional transmission projects are built, which increases the zonal transmission rate paid by IPL.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

 Docket No. EAC-2011-0025 is approved, subject to complaint or investigation.

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2. Tariff filing TF-2012-0637 is approved, subject to complaint or investigation, effective January 1, 2013.

# **UTILITIES BOARD**

	/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs
ATTEST:	/s/ Darrell Hanson
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Executive Secretary, Deputy	/s/ Swati A. Dandekar

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012.